

ZERO BEAT

Our 52nd year

A Publication of the Hampden County Radio Association

April, 1998

April Meeting - Antique Radio

John Ellsworth, curator of the Antique Radio/Communications Museum, our speaker

The next meeting of the Hampden County Radio Association will be on Friday evening, April 3rd, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. This month's speaker will be John Ellsworth, from the Antique Radio/ Communications Museum. It should be quite interesting for new and old ham alike, so be there early for a good seat!

DON'T FORGET THE NET!

The H.C.R.A. invites all Amateurs and those interested in becoming hams to tune into our weekly nets -

Monday night, 7:30 p.m. on 10 meters, 28.375 +/- QRM;
and Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m.
on 2 meters, 147.105 MHz, +600kHz.

*Stop in and let us know what
you have to say!*

*Bring a friend to our next
meeting -
You'll both be glad you did!*

HCRA on the Move - We're Taking a Trip!

**Take a tour of the Cushcraft Antennas
factory!**

We've got something special cooking for April! Come take a trip by chartered coach to Manchester, New Hampshire, and take a guided tour through the Cushcraft Antenna factory! This trip was set up especially for the HCRA and should not be missed by anyone! Fill out and bring in the sign-up sheet inside this issue!

Tech Corner - 10 Meter Rigs.....Cheap!

**Got an old 11 meter radio?.....
Well c'mon down to the meeting early
for Tech Corner!**

**Peter Russell, KE1DQ will conduct
a mini-seminar on 10 meter
conversions. Now there is no reason
not to be mobile on 10 meters!
(Do I see a HCRA 10 meter mobile
picnic net in the future??)**

**Remember, Tech Corner starts right after
doors open at 7:00!**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I thank the membership for the support that you have given to me as well as the rest of the board members. We look forward to the continued support of the membership. The HCRA club officers put in a great deal of effort to make our club meetings and club events interesting, fun and certainly worthwhile attending. It is extremely gratifying to have a meeting with the room filled with Amateur Radio enthusiasts that are having fun and enjoying each others thought and ideas.

April will be an exciting month for Hampden County Radio Association. The guest speaker for our April 3rd meeting will be John Ellsworth curator of the Antique Radio/Communications Museum. John will take us back to the days of old in radio and radio equipment. It promises to be a real fun evening. The club will also continue with the "TECH CORNER " segment of the meeting with Pete Russell KE1DQ who will demonstrate how to convert a "CB" radio into a ten meter rig. A raffle with ham radio related prizes as well as our world famous coffee and doughnuts will be part of the evening.

Friday evening April 24th is the date of the planned bus trip (see details of the trip on another page in this ZERO BEAT) to the Cushcraft antenna factory. The bus holds forty seven passengers and we will take reservations on a first come basis. Sign ups will be taken at the April meeting.

Lets fill the bus and the meeting room. Looking forward to seeing you.

73 de IRV W6IS

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**Sign up at the meeting for our trip to the
Cushcraft Antenna Factory!**

**WE'RE GETTING A SPECIAL GUIDED TOUR OF THE
CUSHCRAFT ANTENNA FACTORY
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE! BRING THIS APPLICATION WITH
YOU TO THE MEETING, BUT REMEMBER...**

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!!!

**THE BUS LEAVES FROM SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH,
MAIN STREET, WILBRAHAM (JUST OFF BOSTON ROAD),
AT 5:30 P.M. THE COST FOR ROUND TRIP COACH
TRANSPORTATION IS ONLY \$12.00 PREPAID TO THE
HCRA. WE PLAN TO RETURN AROUND 12:00 A.M. THE
CLUB WILL PROVIDE SODA AND SNACKS ON THE WAY
UP. FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
IRV, W6IS, (413) 565-5222 or**

YES, I WANT TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN...SIGN ME UP!

NAME _____

CALL SIGN _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER YOU CAN BE REACHED AT () _____

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

BY K1II, HCRA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

This month includes local emergency net activity listings for local amateurs to familiarize and participate in.

ARES NETS

FREQUENCY	REPEATER	COVERAGE	LOCAL TIME	DAY	PL
3937khz	n/a	WMA SEC	830	SUN	SSB
146.910 MHz	MT GREY	BERK COUNTY	0900	SUN	
53.230 MHz	MT GREY	BERK COUNTY	0915	SUN	162.2 (QRN)
224.100 MHz	MT GREY	BERK COUNTY	0930	SUN	
145.450 MHz	FITCH	NE WORC COUNTY	0900	SUN	74.4
146.985 MHz	GREENFLD	FRANKLIN COUNTY	2100	TUES	136.5/100 Hz
146.940 MHz	MT TOM	HAMPDN/HAMPSHR	0845	SUN	
145.370 MHz	TEMPLETON	NW WORC COUNTY	2030	TUES	
147.210 MHz	WARREN	SW WORC COUNTY	0850	SUN *	88.5
147.345 MHz	WEBSTER	SE WORC COUNTY	0900	SUN *	
146.970 MHz	PAXTON	WORC COUNTY	0915	SUN **	
146.805 MHz	KEENE	TRI-STATE	2000	WED	100.0

* - Alternate freq for both Webster and Warren is 147.255 OXFORD RPTR

** 146.970 is primary RACES Central Ma. call-up freq with 146.925

Worcester which hosts SKYWARN NET each TUES night at 2000 hrs.

RACES NETS

146.490 MHz simplex	W. HAMPDEN COUNTY	1845	FIRST MONDAY
146.910 MHz MT GREY	W MA.	1910	FIRST MONDAY
146.940 MHz MT TOM	W MA.	1930	FIRST MONDAY
146.970 MHz PAXTON	WORC COUNTY	--?--	FIRST MONDAY

The above information is as last updated DEC/ JAN 97/98 . Please consult the NET DIRECTORY which is compiled every two years in each Section by the Section Manager. To inform new hams and update all interested members and officials, the Western Massachusetts ARES page has updated as of December 1997. The address is <http://rob.acol.com/-ares/>

In The Spotlight

HCRA member Pauline (EVE) Dunlap, N1EVE

Pauline, a.k.a. Eve, has been licensed for 12 years, first as KA1PAY, and then upgrading to general and receiving the call N1EVE with some good natured kidding as being the Mother of all Amateurs! Actually, she is the mom of N1EHS Carol, N1FMT Deb, N1IED Joe, and N1FFZ Jeff, with K1II Charlie, being her OM. The other daughter, Sue, is the only one unlicensed of the seven immediate family members.

Pauline's interest in radio started back in eighth grade when her future spouse introduced her to ham radio and shortwave listening including Sputnik! Listening to Cincinnati, OH and other cities on the old Police Band located between the top of the 1600 Kcs AM Broadcast Band and 160 meters, and seeing the enjoyment her OM Charlie was getting from the hobby, inspired her to get her radio ticket. She delayed taking the test as not to distract from the husband's hobby, but when the two oldest daughters were licensed as KA1NCW and KA1NCX, she obtained her novice secretly and surprised the OM!

Pauline's operating interest is mostly with public service in both ARES and RACES on 75 and 2 meters, along with two meter simplex, and assisting with Field Day logistics. She also operates commercially in the one angstrom (!!) radio spectrum band taking full mouth sets of X RAYS as a Dental Hygienist.

Pauline has been an HCRA member since first being licensed. She promotes the correct usage of the proper phonetic alphabet during public service activities. Pauline has served as past President thrice for the local Southwick scholarship group, is seen helping put chairs away at the HCRA meetings, and always willing to help. She is an active member of Southwick Emergency Management RACES and attends all the QCWA Chapter 183 meetings with her OM, though not having enough time in our hobby to join.

ASK THE ELMERS !

Below, you will find a list of our Elmers. If you have a question that can't wait, give them a call (not too early or late, please!). If you would be interested in helping someone as an Elmer, let us know at the meeting. See Irv or Barry.

HCRA ELMERS

BOB ARCHAMBAULT, KA1JDY (413) 536-4578

AL DRAKE, N1CQT (413) 783-8427

NORM FOREST, N1PF (413) 782-2026

WALT NERO, WA1HHN (413) 245-3746

PETER RUSSELL, KE1DQ (203) 253-9872

Hampden County going to be a SILENT KEY!!

QRT forever. The end is coming soon. June is terminal for HAMPDEN COUNTY right after FIELD DAY... After many years of the organization serving its faithful dedicated amateur population by the elected individuals for so many years. It is a sad day in our history to have Hampden County not be able to represent the amateur community any longer for all of us in the Springfield/Pioneer Valley Connecticut River/Bondi's Island local area. It is sad, but politics and lack of interest has a reputation to have the upper hand in our destiny. It is with much regret as a member of the Board Of The Hampden County Radio Association to have to say good bye forever to a dear and beloved part of my life history. I have had many meetings, Field Days, and VHF contests with you as I stood on your grounds never thinking the end would be here. The Terra Firma that is part of us on what we stand and have based our principles on will ever us depart. I hold you so close to my daily life, but I must say good bye, not that it is my choice, or in my best interest. 73 to Hampden County with tears in my eyes and a heavy heart. It is the ex-Governor Weld's wish to end our association as a part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as he applies for a Mexican Embassy license to operate portable in TACOVILLE CITY / XE5 portable..

- But HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION SHALL LIVE ON AND CONTINUE TO FLOURISH even though the soil of Hampden County Government will be abolished the last day of June by the mere stroke of a pen. Happy April Fool's Day and get those rare DX qso's in before the midnight bell tolls!!! County of Hampden will be a silent key the last day of June, 1998. The big switch will be thrown and grounded.....Never again to be worked for all counties award.

KN1DYL (December 1957), first licensed in Hampden County.....Who is the mystery writer?

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PO. BOX 562

AGAWAM, MA. 01001-0562

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Call sign _____ New _____ Renewal _____ Reinstated _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Is this a listed number? YES NO
(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ANSWERS BELOW)

License Class: None Novice Technician Technician Plus General Advanced Extra

ARRL: MEMBER LIFE MEMBER

ARES MEMBER YES RACES MEMBER YES

VE: YES NO EXTRA ADVANCED GENERAL EXPIRATION _____

If you are a VE, would you be willing to participate in HCRA's VE program? YES NO

Please list any family members that are licensed Amateur Operators:

Regular HCRA membership is \$10.00. The cost of membership is used for items such as ZERO BEAT, and the meeting hall. Additional family members are FREE. Just list their names in the space provided above. If you are under 18 years of age, dues are only \$5.00. Please consider including a donation to help the HCRA in future endeavors. All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law (we are considered a non-profit organization). Please fill this form out and make checks payable to the HCRA and send it to the address above, or bring the form along to any Club meeting. The HCRA appreciates your support!

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SEE YOU THERE!

In case of inclement weather, listen to Channel 40 or 22, and the 146.940 and 147.105 repeaters.
Meeting cancellation information will be given out by 6:00 p.m.

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